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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Aggarwal et al. (U.S. Patent 6,487,539); Spiegel et al. (U.S. Patent 6,629,079).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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The attorneys argued that the limitation of determining the order for invocation of the constraint filter and recommendation filter distinguished over the Valentin reference. The examiner believes that the reference teaches the limitation, and that query plan optimization, which is well known in the art, is concerned with the claimed order determination, wherein the filters are applied in an order such that the greatest number of records are filtered first, so that the subsequent filters operate on fewer records.

The attorneys discussed the fact that the Spiegel et al. reference does not teach the details of the binding of values to free variables. The examiner responded that he believes that (subject to further review of the reference) the binding of the variables is inherently taught by the reference.

The attorneys will review the claims and specification, and submit a response to the pending Office action.